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Information relative to the date of \* Perpetuation of testimony  
construction of fortifications and \* of Alfred Milo, assistant  
military installations in the Truk \* chief, Moen Island.  
Atoll prior to December 1941, use \*  
of forced native labor without \*  
adequate remuneration, and denial \*  
of equal rights to Americans on Yap. \*

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Taken at: Moen Island, Truk and Central Carolines.

Date: February 25, 1946.

In the presence of: Thomas Santamaria, first lieutenant, U. S.  
Marine Corps Reserve.

Reporter: George C. Lishka, corporal, U. S. Marine  
Corps Reserve.

Interpreter: Artie Moses, chief of Uman Island.

Questions by: Thomas Santamaria, first lieutenant, U. S.  
Marine Corps Reserve.

Q. State your name, permanent home address, and occupation.

A. Alfred Milo, assistant chief, Moen Island.

Q. How long have you lived on the island of Moen?

A. Forty-five years.

Q. How long have you been living in the Truk Atoll?

A. Forty-five years.

Q. Have you any knowledge of fortifications or military installations  
constructed by the Japanese on Moen Island prior to December 1941?

A. Yes.

Q. State what you know of your own knowledge about the installations?

A. During the latter part of 1938 the Japanese started constructing a lighthouse on the eastern tip of Moen. Prior to the construction of the lighthouse a dock was built along the eastern tip and then a road from the dock to where the lighthouse was to be erected. It required approximately one year to complete the dock, road, and lighthouse. Upon completion of the aforementioned project the Japanese commenced building caves, gun emplacements, and a searchlight platform. Six gun emplacements were built. The guns appeared to me to have an eight or nine inch bore. These installations were all in the immediate vicinity of the lighthouse. During November of 1939 on the mountain of Uititium the Japanese dug a concrete emplacement similar to a hut in which they installed radar and erected two gun emplacements for the installation of five or six inch guns and two smaller ones for anti-aircraft. In the same section two platforms were constructed and searchlights placed thereon. Two caves were dug into the mountain and ammunition stored therein. Upon the completion of this project in 1940 further development thereabouts was unknown to us because it was then made a prohibited area. On the eastern end of the island a radio station was installed during 1939. This building was constructed of concrete. In 1940 on the northwest tip of the island the Japanese commenced building an airstrip. This strip was completed after December 1941. On the southwestern tip of the island at the same time another airstrip was under construction and completed after December 1941. In 1940 on the northwestern tip of the island on the side of the mountain close to the airfield two gun emplacements were constructed and guns installed there. They appeared to me to have eight or nine inch bores, also a platform and searchlight was installed there.

Q. Were any revetments built along the airstrip prior to December 1941?

A. On the airfield on the southwestern tip one was built before December 1941.

Q. When were all the pill boxes along the shore of Moen Island constructed?

A. After December 1941.

Q. I notice on the mountain of Uititium many big guns, machine guns, range finder, cave housed flat trajectory guns, and anti-aircraft guns, other than the ones already mentioned by you, when were these constructed?

A. After December 1941, I believe for we were not allowed to go there after the initial construction in 1939 and 1940.

Q. I notice on the southern tip, slightly in rear of the airfield, anti-aircraft guns, cave housed guns, and machine guns, when were these placed there?

A. After December 1941.

Q. I notice throughout the island quite a few barracks to house the army and navy, when were they constructed?

A. After December 1941.

Q. How many Japanese troops were here before December 1941?

A. A great number of Japanese personnel were here on the island, and they had some barracks here at that time, also, most were built after December 1941.

Q. Do you know of any installations built on any islands in the immediate vicinity of Moen?

A. Yes.

Q. State what you know of your own knowledge about those installations.

A. On the island of Mor during 1940 a concrete reinforced dock was built. Two gun emplacements were constructed and guns installed thereon, appearing to be about three inches in diameter. Also buildings were built for the men and one searchlight was installed there. Telephone communication was installed between that island and Moen. The island has flat terrain and in one section a lookout tower was built.

Q. Were there any other installations built on this island?

A. No.

Q. On what other islands you know of installations being placed?

A. On the island of Pisemen during 1940. The exact construction was made there as took place on Mor.

Q. Do you know of any natives that were forced to work by the Japanese and not adequately remunerated?

A. Yes.

Q. State what you know of your own knowledge about these cases.

A. From January 1942 until the end of the war I was forced to furnish the Japanese commander on Moen Island one hundred fifty women and two hundred men per day. One day per month we were forced to furnish labor without pay. The day without pay occurred on the eight of each month.

Q. Are there any other cases where forced labor was used without adequate remuneration?



- A. At different times when the Japanese were in need of more help they would come to the village and call for any number they wished and refused to pay for the work performed. We did not keep a record of the number of times this occurred or the dates.
- Q. Do you know of any circumstances relative to the denial of equal rights to Americans on Yap?
- A. No, sir.
- Q. Is there any other information relative to the subjects on which you have been questioned that you wish to report?
- A. No, sir.

/s/ Alfred Mailo  
Alfred Mailo,  
assistant chief,  
Moen Island.

Moen Island

Truk and Central Carolines

I, Alfred Mailo, of lawful age, being duly sworn on oath, state that I have read the foregoing transcription of my interrogation and all answers contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Alfred Mailo  
Alfred Mailo

Subscribed and sworn to me this 4th day of March 1946.

/s/ T. Santamaria  
T. SANTAMARIA,  
1st Lt., USMCR.,  
Legal Officer.

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I, Artie Moses, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath state that I truly translated the questions asked and answers given and that after being transcribed, I truly translated the foregoing deposition containing 3 pages, to the witness; that the witness thereupon in my presence affixed his signature thereto.

/s/ Artie Moses  
Artie Moses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of March 1946.

/s/ T. Santamaria  
T. SANTAMARIA,  
1st Lt., USMCR.,  
Legal Officer.

I, T. Santamaria, first lieutenant, 032989, U.S.M.C.R., certify that on February 25, 1946, personally appeared before me Alfred Milo, and gave the foregoing answers to the several questions set forth; that after his testimony had been transcribed, the said Alfred Milo read the same and affixed his signature thereto in my presence.

Place: Headquarters Military Government,  
Truk and Central Caroline  
Islands.

Date: March 4, 1946

/s/ T. Santamaria  
T. SANTAMARIA,  
1st Lt., USMCR.,  
Island Command, Truk.

供述場所 トラック及中央カロリニ諸島中ノモ―エニ島

年月日 一九四六年二月二十五日

問 氏名、本籍、職業ヲ述ベヨ

答 モ―エニ島、副島司アルシジドマイロ、

問 モ―エニ島ニハ何年居住ニテイルカ。

答 四十五年。

問 トラック、アトル島ニハ何年住ニテイルカ。

答 四十五年

問 一九四二年十二月以前ニ於テ、モ―エニ島上ニ日本軍  
ガ築城又ハ軍事施設ヲ施シタルコトニ就イテ知  
ツテイルカ。

答 ハイ。

問 該施設ニ就キテ貴下自身ニヨツテ知レル處ヲ述  
ベヨ。

答 一九三八年後半期中、日本軍ハモ―エニ島東端ニ  
一燈台ノ建造ヲ始メタ。該燈塔其ノ建設ニ先  
立ツテ東端ニ一造船所ヲ設置ス。然ル後燈  
台ノ建設セラルベキ箇所ニ船渠カラ通ズル一本



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二島、西南端ニ更ニ一ヶ所飛行場が建設中ニアリマシタガ  
一九四一年十二月後ニ完成サシマシタ。一九四〇年二島、西北  
端飛行場寄りノ山ノ側ニ基、砲床が造ラレ、砲が据付  
ケラマシタ。ソノ砲ハ口径八九吋位ニ思ヘラマシタ。探照燈  
台一ヶ所が作ラレ探照燈一基が又同所ニ据付ケラシマ  
シタ。

問、一九四一年十二月以前ニ該飛行場周辺ニ被覆が作ラシタカ。

答、西南端ノ飛行場ニ一九四一年十二月以前ニ箇所築造  
セラシマシタ。

問、モ二島海岸ノトチカハ何時築造サシタカ。

答、一九四一年十二月後デ。

問、ウイニガンノ山、大口径砲機銃巨艦測定器、  
洞窟へ据付ケラシタ低伸彈道砲、高射砲之等ハ  
茲下、述ベタモノ以外デアルガ、何時之等ハ建設サ  
シタカ。

答、一九四一年十二月後デハイカト思ヒマス。何故ナラバ一九三九  
年ト一九四〇年ニ初メテ建設ヲ見テカラ後ニハ幾々其  
ノ場所ニ立入りヲ禁止サシテイマシタカラ。

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問 島、南端、飛行場、之、後方ニ高射砲掩蔽ナシ  
大砲機銃等アルニ付イタガ、何時頃夫等ヲモ、  
ハ建設ナシタカ、

答 一九四一年十二月後デス。

問 此島内ニ陸海軍ヲ收容スル爲メ、兵舎が五六ノ所  
アルコト、何時頃建設ナシタカ、

答 一九四一年十二月後デス。

問 一九四一年以前ニ何名ノ日本兵が此島ニ居タカ、

答 此島ニ莫大ニ数、日本軍人が居タシタ、ソノ  
其、當時ニモ又、島内ニ兵舎、若干アリタシタガ、  
大多數、一九四一年十二月後、建造ナリタス。

問 此島ニ極近接シタ島嶼中ニ何カ施設、アル  
コトヲ知ツテイルカ、

答 ハイ。

問 其、施設ニ就テ、自分、知ツテイルコトヲ述ベヨ。

答 一九四〇年、モア島ニ鉄筋コンクリート、船渠が  
出来タシタ。ソノ砲床が造ラレ、其處ニ二門、砲が据  
付けラレタシタガ、口径三インチ、校テアリタシタ。又

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兵員收容所建造物が築造され、之ニ探照燈一基  
が据付けられし。其ノ島トモトニ島間ニ電話・通信  
が施設せられた。其ノ島ノ平潤ナ平地ヲ有シ、之ニ或箇  
所ニハ物見櫓が築造せられた。

問、此島ニハ何カ他ノ施設ガアリタカ。

答、アリタリシ。

問、他ニ如何ナル島上ニ施設ガ行ハレタカ。

答、一九四〇年中ニバタニヤノ島ニ行ハレタ。

モ、ア島内ニ行ハレタト殆ド同シヤク建設ガ

行ハレタ。

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